Setting up of Indo-Russian Education Centre

556. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi University and Committee of Higher Education of Russian Federation have signed some agreement for setting up of an Indo-Russian Education Centre at New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof with terms of reference of the agreement;

(c) whether expenditure for the setting up of the centre will be borne by both the countries equally;

(d) if so, the details thereof if not the reasons therefor;

(e) whether similar agreements have also been signed between other foreign countries and Indian Institutions in the past;

(f) whether Government propose to get such agreements signed in future; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (g) The universities and other institutions of higher education in the country have been signing agreements with foreign universities/insitutions for mutual co-operation in academic fields. While the Government encourages such moves, its role in these matters is only that of a facilitator. So far as the University of Delhi is concerned, it has signed many Memoranda of Understanding with foreign universities. Recently a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed by this University and State Committee on higher Education of Russian Federation for setting up a Russian Education Centre at Delhi University with the following broad profile of activities:

Conduct of different courses in Russian Language, including one for H R D students sponsored by the Ministry of H.R.D.

— Preparation of Indian citizens for studies at the Russian institutions of higher education with a view to eliminating the preparatory faculty courses in Russia.

— Faculty improvement programmes for Indian teachers and for specialists.

On the basis of the MOU the University and the State Committee on Higher Education of Russian Federation would jointly discuss the financial and other details of the proposal for creating the Centre and for formulating the regulations about the Centre so that formal agreement to that effect could be signed.

Irregularities by council for Isce

557. SHRI V GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many schools sent candidates to various examinations held by Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations this year, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that many schools have refused to send their candidates to Council Ekaminations for the coming year because of a large scale frauds/irregularities/mistakes in printing mark-sheets/lists by the Council;

(c) if so, which are the schools that have failed to send candidates to Council Examination for the coming year;

(d) whether the Council has discussed these issues in its meetings;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether the Council has informed the appropriate authorities regarding the action taken, remedial steps to be initiated to revamp the Council; and

(g) if not, what action is proposed to be initiated against the Council under the Delhi Education Act?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) As per information received from the Council for Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE), while students belonging to 648 schools appeared in the Class X examination conducted by the Council in 1994, 204 schools presented their candidates for the class XII examination conducted by the Council in 1994.

(b) to (g) The CISCE has informed that no school has refused to present its candidates for its examinations because of alleged irregularities or mistakes on the part of the Council. There are, however, a few schools who will not be sending their candidates for the examinations to be conducted by the Council in 1995 due to various administrative reasons not connected with any alleged irregularity or mistake on the part of the CISCE particularly in printing mark sheets. The Council has already considered such reasons and taken necessary action.

Study on PrimaryEducation

558. SHRI G. Y KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a recent study conducted jointly by the NCERT, NIEPA and an organisation called New Concept has revealed the appalling state of primary education in many parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has chalked out any plan for revamping the District Primary Education Programme, in the light of the above study;

(c) what are its broad features; and

(d) how Government propose to overcome the low level of learning as revealed in the above study?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Baseline Studies on achievement levels of primary students were conducted jointly by NCERT, NIEPA and an NGO in 46 districts spread over 8 states. The study reveals that learning achievement levels are quite low in several of these districts.

(b) to (d) These baseline studies were in fact conducted as part of the project planning process of the District Primary Education Programme to assess the present status of learning achievement levels at the primary level in the selected districts and to provide an empirical basis to the development of district plans under the programme. The findings of the studies helped to define better and relevant strategies for DPEP interventions in the district plans under the programme. Similar studies are inbuilt in the DPEP to assess continually the impact of the programme on learning achievement levels. (

Acting General Secretary of RKVAS(S)

559. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the High Court of Delhi had, on 2nd September, 1994 stayed the order of removing the General Secretary (Acting) of RKVAS(S) issued by its President in the last week of August and had ordered the maintenance of status que;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has not been honouring the Court's Order in as much as a new person has been taken as the Acting General Secretary of RKVAS(S) before and after 2nd September, 1994; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor, and if not, the details of the person recognised as Acting General Secretary of the said Association?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE